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Attorney Docket No. 101.0058-03000  
Customer No. 22882

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: ) Confirmation No. 5309  
Gary K. Michelson, M.D. )  
Serial No.: 10/802,906 ) Group Art Unit: 3733  
Filed: March 17, 2004 ) Examiner: Richard R. Shaffer  
For: ORTHOPEDIC IMPLANT WITH )  
LOCKING ELEMENT (as amended) )

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**AMENDMENT**

In reply to the Office Action dated October 31, 2006, the period for reply having been extended for 3 months by a request for extension and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.

Amendment 04-30-07